STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Policy 7-14 Nonresidents **ITEM NO:** 10H

PREPARED BY: Jean S. Murray, **MEETING:** March 28, 2006

Superintendent ACTION DATE: April 11, 2006

INFORMATION ONLY:

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board receive information on Policy 7-14, Nonresidents, for discussion and direction to staff.

KEY POINTS:

- 1. Dr. LeDoux and then Mr. Belman and Ms. Reinboldt requested a review and consideration for amendment Policy 7-14, Nonresidents. Dr. LeDoux requested that I add discussion of this policy, Section A, to this agenda.
- 2. The School Board reviewed this policy on allowing nonresident employees to bring their children to Stafford County Public Schools during their summer retreat in July 2005 and decided to make no changes to the policy at that time. The information reviewed by the School Board is attached in the memo dated July 7, 2005.
- 3. In February 2006, the School Board amended Policy 7-14 to update Section D Foreign Exchange Students on not accepting students of I-20 status. The most recent amended policy is attached.
- 4. Since the most recent request for policy review, we collected the following information from our neighboring school divisions on their accepting employee tuition students from out-of-county:

Fredericksburg \$300 Prince William \$5,038

Fairfax:

Elementary \$9,476 Middle \$10,022 High \$10.632

Spotsylvania \$2,000 for first child, \$500 for each child thereafter

It appears from this list that only Fairfax charges full tuition for employees. Our approved tuition list for 2005-06, approved June 21, 2005 is attached. For the purpose of this policy, the School Board could set its own annual employee tuition rate. The School Board would also need to determine if the policy applied to all employees or teachers only.

- 5. I requested that each principal ask three questions of their staff members:
 - a. How many nonresident teachers are there at your school who would be willing to bring their children to Stafford?
 - b. Of that number, how many would be willing to pay full tuition?
 - c. How many would be willing to pay half tuition?

The results of the survey are attached, Results of Nonresidents Survey, March 2006. The tuition rate quoted was that for general education students on our approved tuition list.
SCHOOL BOARD GOAL 6: Introduce program to enhance employee status, within the school division and the community at large, so that employees are aware of their value to school and community.
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